

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL 5720 INTEGRITY DRIVE MILLINGTON TN 38055-0000

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Ms. Mary Schantag POW Network 102 Vixen Circle Unit C Branson, MO 65616

Dear Ms. Schantag:

SUBJECT: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of March 20, 2020. You seek Navy Official Military Personnel File (OMPF) information pertaining to Matthew Scott Owens. This command received your request on March 20, 2020. Your FOIA request number is 2020-006066 and FOIA correspondence file number is 20200331.

A releasable copy of responsive OMPF information is enclosed. The redacted portions of the released documentation are exempt from disclosure under FOIA exemption 6 [5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)]. Release of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of Matthew Scott Owens and other identified individuals.

Because your request is partially denied by this command, you are advised of your right to appeal this determination in writing to the Office of the Judge Advocate General, OJAG Code 14, 1322 Patterson Avenue SE Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066.

If an appeal is deemed necessary, OJAG Code 14 must receive your appeal within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter, in order to be considered. You should enclose a copy of this letter, a copy of the original request, and a statement regarding why your appeal should be granted. The letter of appeal and the envelope should bear the notation, "FOIA APPEAL."

I am the official responsible for the partial denial of your request. Should you wish to discuss the processing of your request, you may contact the undersigned at (901) 874-3165 or david.german@navy.mil. You may also contact the DON FOIA Public Liaison, Christopher Julka, at Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil or (703) 697-0031.

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You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) as they provide a voluntary mediation process for resolving disputes between persons making FOIA requests and the Department of the Navy (DON). For more information, please go to:

https://www.archives.gov/ogis/about-ogis/contact-information.

Sincerely,

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